

MINING OPERATIONS IN HONDURAS.

Eleven days journey from Bay City by rail and steamers; out of which four days are given to waiting at New Orleans and the seaport towns beyond, brings one to the maritime village of Cortez...

The operations of the Santa Cruz mine; literally The Society of the Mines of Santa Cruz, a French company; are located forty miles southwest of San Pedro...

The Cameli Mine is located in the same mineral belt, about three miles to the southwest; the country rock is the same, the quartz containing less arsenic and antimony...

The next in operation are those known as the mines of Potosi, consisting of a group of about thirty-five mines; a mining

can river which sweeps around these hills in the form of a letter U. The geological formation of these hills, entirely distinct from any other formation known in the vicinity...

There is now in operation a steam saw mill and in course of construction on a block composing about one-ninth of this Potosi group a twenty-stamp mill...

Bay City men have effected this development in the Potosi, and placer mining operations, and Bay City capital, as well as Bay City muscle, is doing its share in the work in hand...

A Pioneer Exhibitor.

In the early days of Michigan, when a county fair was to be remembered, one of the Southern counties in Michigan held a fair one fall at which one of the exhibitors was a man named Prother...

Gentlemen, here are the biggest hens, the fattest geese and the heaviest turkeys in this State. I want the first premium.

"Gentlemen, that 'ere cow was driven 480 miles to reach this State, and them calves can't be beat for blood. Their grandmother was owned by the Empress of France."

Something was said about his carelessness in not entering his stock for the bone-yard instead of the fair, and he answered with:

"Gentlemen I'm willing to take second premium, and if I don't get it you'd better hire some one to hold me!" They neglected his advice, and in due course of time had their noses driven back or their eyes put in mourning...

What a Wife Ought to Be Several Young Ladies Became.

He is a sensible young man who attends well to business and manages his affairs to good result. He has ideas, too, but they present themselves unshapely, and he has no art to put them into fitting words...

"What is there about her so wonderful, Mr. Marsden?" "Oh, I don't know particularly, but she is what a wife ought to be."

"She not only greets him, but she is always ready to greet him." "So it was that when the young man

Do Dogs Understand Our Language?

An article in a recent number of the Boston Journal on this subject was a reminder to me of quite a number of incidents in my experience with this useful and interesting animal.

Later in life it became my duty to assist in taking the grand list in my native town, at a time when dogs were put into the list at \$2 each.

The undersigned desires to sell the following described land, situated in the township of Tawas: The east half of the northwest quarter of section 35, containing 80 acres...

A Mislading Symptom.

A notorious quack found his business increasing to such an extent that he was obliged to take an assistant. He did not, however, try to impose upon his junior as he did upon the public...

No sooner were they outside than the embryo quack, burning to acquire such an important professional secret, commenced: "How did you know that the man had been eating watermelon?"

"Tongue be hanged," said the elder; "I looked in the woodshed as I came in and saw the rinds of three watermelons. You must use your eyes my boy."

The dime museums have many curiosities; but we have failed to find among them a railroad official who could tell

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EAST BRANCH, FEB. 1ST, 1884.

ED. HERALD:—Please allow me space to say something about the "Back-door saloon." I saw an article in your paper, signed "Independent," I should say from the reading, that he was a man of good judgment, and common sense, but owing to his early education, he has not the command of language to express his meaning, (and let me say right here, the writer of this article labors under the same difficulty) I could not see a lie, neither could I see any mean hypocrisy in the article. I saw another article headed, "Back-door saloons," and signed "A. M. Webster," published in the Gazette. The first charge he makes, is that the HERALD is not an independent paper, because it published the "Back-door saloon article; if it had been his production, it probably would have been all right, and its tendencies would have been all right. His second charge was, that General Kilpatrick was a liar and a drunken sot. His third charge was, that Independent was a liar, and a mean hypocrite, and conveys the inference that he belongs to some church. The first charge I will not notice as it is too foolish to cause comment; we have the paper amongst us, and all can judge between them. I am glad we have got an Independent paper and hope it will not tie itself to the apron strings of any church. But let us look at the second charge. General Kilpatrick was born in New Jersey, in 1836, and graduated with honors at West Point, in 1861; was appointed to the First Artillery; he was wounded at the battle of Big Bethel; he received rapid promotion, and was made a Colonel of Cavalry in 1862 and the next year was raised to Brigadier General of Volunteers; he commanded a division at Gettysburg, and the following year, 1864, joined General Sherman on his march from "Atlanta to the Sea," being severely wounded at the battle of Resaca; he was commissioned Major General in 1865; and resigned from the regular army in that year, and from the volunteer service Jan. 1st, 1866. From 1865 to 1870 he was minister to Chili; and in 1880 he was a prominent candidate on the Republican ticket for Governor of New Jersey. Does this look like the record of a liar and a drunken sot? Comrades, where are you? Do you not remember him; if "Little Hugh" was here he would make that schoolmaster eat those words, paper and all, or he would fix him so his mother would not know him. Don't use any violence, boys, Hugh would not like it; he never would allow a man to get into trouble on his account. Don't you remember Hugh, boys, when you used to get out on a raid on the pig pen or chicken roost, and get caught at it arrested and brought up for court martial; Hugh came along and said, "let him go, I will take care of him." Wouldn't you fight for him? It seems as though I could hear the boys say, "yes, begory, where is the man that insulted Kilpatrick." Noble souled, gentle hearted and generous, the scarred warrior, the illustrious dead. Shame! shame!! on the man who will call such a man a liar, a drunken sot, a prevaricator. Oh! for the language of a Demosthenes or a Patrick Henry, that I might show to the world this man in his true light. Well, boys, there is one thing in the story; Hugh did not say he drank, but I presume he did, or at least I would not say he did not; for we all know, boys, that Hugh used to take a "nip" once in a while, and he was not stingy either; he always treated and wanted to see everybody happy, and it made him happy to see others happy. But you never saw a man that sucked the alcohol out of small pills, and lived on Graham bread, but what had the dyspepsia so bad that he could not bear to see any one enjoy themselves. I never saw a great man, neither did I ever read of one, that did not drink; say, for instance, Daniel Webster, Patrick Henry, Henry Clay, General Grant, Phil Sheridan, Stephen A. Douglas; I might commence with St. Paul, and fill the whole side of a newspaper with such names, but I will defy the schoolmaster to show me one great man that did not drink; he may commence with Noah or Zeroster, or Avesta, which was within 1,200 years before Christ. I will admit that there are some smart men who take a drink on the sly, so that you could not prove it only by their actions, and there are other good men who do not drink, but there is not stimulous enough in them to make great men of them; you can find a great many innocent good people that do not drink; I will also admit that some great men drink too much, and that is intemperance, that deserves to be condemned, but temperance should never be condemned under any or all circumstances. [No doubt the schoolmaster will callign a liar or a mean hypocrite, for saying that.] In the third place, the schoolmaster calls Independent a liar and a mean hypocrite, and holds up his hands with sublime horror, and cries, see! see! Let me ask you if you read that article that you saw, did you see a hypocrite? No, you saw a man that was disgusted with back-door saloons; the effects of which the Tawas has plenty of examples, and there is no doubt he wants to see them shut up. Did you see a liar? No! You saw a man that knows that every dollar that is spent for whisky is sent out of this town. Did you read in the Saturday Night, that Mr. Gaukey was going to build three stores north of his hotel in Ash Sable, he said

and Tawas they buy their whisky and pay their taxes. I was told that a man paid three dollars taxes on property that he rented for forty dollars per month; show me a man that gets five dollars a month rent, and I will show you a man that pays ten dollars taxes, after two years of temperance rule in the Tawas. The schoolmaster will say I lie again (that is his argument), because the supervisor does not belong to his party; let me ask what the man could do? Look at the acts of his predecessors, see where they got the valuations, and every honest man will tell you that the present supervisor tried to hunt up all the property that was liable to a tax, so as to get the per cent. as low as possible, how they kicked, even those that had dogs of both sexes found fault, but the old man was honest and done the best he could; suppose he had cut the tax roll in two; as the late supervisor said he ought to have done. I happened to be present at the time the board was in session to hear complaints, and to swear down their taxes, this same ex-supervisor was there, and he was there all the time; and when a gentleman came in and said his assessment was too high, this same ex-supervisor was there, and immediately you would hear his stentorian voice asking the question, will you take what your property is valued at, for it; (now let the schoolmaster tell me I lie again), and yet the ex-supervisor says the present supervisor ought to have cut the tax roll in two in the middle. Oh, Consistency! what a jewel! Pardon me for wandering from the subject; but let me say that no man can say that the present supervisor did not treat him as a gentleman while that board was in session, and was always the first one to correct an error when it was shown to him. Now, Mr. schoolmaster, can you see the tendency of this article, if so, you will probably be able to hunt up some language that is vile enough to make yourself understood, for we know you are an educated man, a man of letters, calling Kilpatrick and Independent, liars, is too tame, get something else and let the Gazette publish it. It comes with good grace from the schoolmaster to tell us that the whisky traffic must be put down, let it cost what it will; as long as he gets his salary, doesn't pay a cent of taxes, has not got a dollar in sight, and yet tells us we must pay him and let him make as much expense to the county as possible, as the Rev. Mr. Lyons say: "can you see it?" Straw bands, bless your soul, if the best bonds that is possible to be had, could not get a license with the present town board, and I will lay a wager that bonds with twenty such names as A. M. Webster would not be accepted in any honest town in the state. Tell us we lie again. EAST BRANCH

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Carr, neighbors, who lived near Hogan's mill, in Steward County, Tennessee, died within an hour of each other and were buried at the same time. This coincidence is more striking by reason of the fact that the ladies were married on the same day some years ago. A Massachusetts woman who had not been able to stand upon her feet was miraculously cured the other day. A bad boy threw a mouse into the room and in less than eight seconds the invalid had hopped across the room on three chairs and was standing on top of the bureau with her clothes wrapped around her ankles. The ashes of Columbus, which have been shifted about repeatedly and are now in the Cathedral of St. Domingo, are to be taken out of their resting-place and inclosed in a plate-glass urn. This urn is to hold the casket containing the original ashes in such a manner that the remains will be plainly visible. "I was suffering from thirst on a train of the Eastern Railroad of Massachusetts," writes a correspondent, "and went through all the six cars of the train, including the baggage-car, in a vain search for a glass of water. When I asked the conductor why they had no water-coolers, he did not deign to reply—his look of astonishment implying that he had never heard of such a thing. It is hoped that no one will accuse the managers of the road of wasting the company's money."

Some Montana people say they do not care for the railroad now that it is finished. Helena is a rich town, and insists that it is the richest in the country in proportion to its population. There are many young men from the East here, and the society is good. These young men are growing rich by mining and stock raising, and they say that they do not like to see the railroad bringing in capitalists to compete with them. The Bonanza farmers also look with apprehension on the road, because they have been prosperous without it, and apparently anticipate an increased supply of agriculturists without a corresponding increase of consumers. Some poetical joker at Humboldt Wells, Nev., "stood up" a railroad conductor and despoiled him of his valuables. Instead of "babying" over it, like Mark Twain, under similar circumstances, he got even. He took a lawyer into his confidence, and swore out papers charging the jokers with highway robbery. When his joke began to assume a serious aspect the people of Wells thought he was in dead earnest, and every available influence was brought to bear to pull his way from his ostensible purpose. He was apparently inflexible until he found he had his tormentors thoroughly scared, and then he relented. Bob Toombs furnishes another funny item for the Atlanta Constitution. Some one asked him if he thought the inspection of fertilizers was a pro-

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These simple paths have been made by horses traveling several abreast as close together as horses with their riders can go. They have been there for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years. They were part of a long highway which once ended only with the limits of the Indian's wanderings; and for centuries they have been traversed by savage bands of warriors, hunters, or horse thieves.—New York Sun.

GLEANINGS.

John Bright says he has not taken a drink of whisky in ten years. Roscoe Conkling can repeat the whole of Scott's "Lady of the Lake." It is estimated that there are 20,000 counterfeit sovereigns afloat in Great Britain. Mount Jefferson Davis is the highest peak in Nevada, its altitude being 13,075 feet. New York girls of the period, it is said, drink goat's milk for the complexion. The author of "See that My Grave's Kept Green" and "When the Leaves Begin to Turn" is an inmate of the Indiana State Prison. Mrs. Theodore Moreno, of Gainsville, Ga., has a baby dress 130 years old. It was worn by her children's great grandfater. A Colorado rough proudly wears a ring through a hole which was made in his ear by the bullet of a bar-room adversary's pistol. Really beautiful women are said to be scarce in England. When the American girls now there come home there won't be any at all. Parnell has decided to decline the many invitations he has received to visit America, and will remain in England during the next year. Captain R. Mch., of Austin, Tex., had a game cock training for a cocking main, but an envious hawk swooped down on the poultry yard and made a breakfast off the rooster. A Northern man on a Southern train was astonished at seeing a South Carolinian catch fleas from under his arm, wrench off their heads and throw their bodies out of the window. It is not generally known that the Duke of Connaught, Queen Victoria's third son, was refused by Princess Thyra, of Denmark, who married the son of a German nobleman instead. The cars of one Baltimore street line were astonished at seeing a South Carolinian catch fleas from under his arm, wrench off their heads and throw their bodies out of the window. There is a justice of the peace in Banks County, Georgia, who has held his office for eight years and has never tried a case, always getting the litigants to compromise. The Count de Chambord's widow has decided to take the veil, and will spend the remainder of her days in a convent. Her immense estates are to be given to the church. Georgia disputes with North Carolina the title of "Tar-heel State." The total value of the former's product of resin and turpentine for the past six months exceeds that of North Carolina by over \$1,000,000. A party of nine gunners who started from Salt Lake recently for the Sand Ridge just south of Ogden, which is a notorious haunt of the long-eared jack-rabbit, returned in three days with 500 head. J. L. Lewis, of Putah Canyon, Cal., has killed a squirrel that was snow-white and had pink eyes. The squirrel had often been seen in that vicinity, and one man said he had spent three months in trying to capture it, as there was a reward of \$75 for it alive. A French sailor died in San Diego, Cal., some time ago, and on his breast was tattooed an ingenious illustration of

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